



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5747

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BANTAM LAKE AS A HERITAGE LAKE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-339f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall:

4 (1) Designate a lake located in two or more municipalities and
5 Bantam Lake in Morris and Litchfield to be the subject of a program of
6 preservation which may serve as a pilot program for the preservation
7 and enhancement of the historic, cultural, recreational, economic,
8 scenic, public health and environmental value of lakes in this state;

9 (2) Encourage partnerships and agreements with municipalities
10 which are contiguous to the [lake] lakes and, to the greatest extent
11 practicable under law, direct programs, grants and technical assistance
12 so as to provide environmental support to the [lake] lakes;

13 (3) Coordinate state and municipal activities and resources to
14 preserve, protect and restore the [lake and its shoreline] lakes and their
15 shorelines;

16 (4) Provide access to existing scientific data and information relating
17 to the [lake, its shoreline] lakes, their shorelines and watershed [area]
18 areas to the municipalities in which [it is] they are located;

19 (5) Cooperate with such municipalities to promote and encourage
20 public use and enjoyment of the resource for all lawful purposes
21 consistent with achievement of the other goals set forth in this section;

22 (6) Provide, upon request of such municipalities, an agency
23 representative to whom they may communicate goals and needs and
24 who shall facilitate communication and interaction between such
25 municipalities and the state; and

26 (7) Cooperate with the contiguous municipalities in any efforts to
27 protect and preserve the character of the [designated lake as such
28 municipalities may undertake] lakes designated pursuant to
29 subdivision (1) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	22a-339f

ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None**Explanation**

Expansion of the heritage lake program can be handled within the existing resources of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP currently provides technical assistance and advice and has the data available on lakes for use by municipalities or the public.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5747***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BANTAM LAKE AS
A HERITAGE LAKE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds Bantam Lake to the pilot heritage lake program the legislature enacted in 1999. The original pilot program directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to designate a lake located in at least two municipalities and establish a program for preserving and enhancing the historic, cultural, recreational, economic, scenic, public health, and environmental value of state lakes. DEP chose Lake Waramaug in the towns of Kent, Warren, and Washington. The bill adds Bantam Lake in Morris and Litchfield.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/16/2006)